

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application.

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A method of selecting a web service comprising:

transmitting a search request for a service from a service requestor to a management site that searches for software services provided via a network;

obtaining by the search requestor a service search result from the management site including information for determining the quality of services ~~from a~~ corresponding to a plurality of provider site sites, wherein the quality of service information is provided by the provider sites and accumulated by the management sites;

selecting by the service requestor at least one software service based on the obtained search result; and

transmitting a request to execute the selected service to the service provider.

9-20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the service provider and the management site are different sites.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the information includes a number of times the software services have been used, a frequency of use corresponding to the software services; an execution time corresponding to the software services and a maintenance time corresponding to the software services.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the information includes a service history resulting from execution of the service.

24. (Currently amended) A network system that provides software services via a network, comprising:

at least two service providers for providing a software service; and

a management service comprising a control program for:

receiving a service request corresponding to the software service
from a service requestor;

searching for the at least two service providers;

collecting quality of service (QoS) information corresponding to

each of the at least two service providers, wherein the QoS

information is provided by the at least two service providers and accumulated by the management service; and
transmitting the QoS information to the service requestor to enable
the service requestor to select among the at least two
service providers.

25. (Currently amended) The network system according to claim 24, wherein
the information comprises:

the number of times the software service has been used[[,]];
frequency of use of the software service;
execution time of the software service[[,]]; and
maintenance time for the software service.

26. (Previously presented) The network system of claim 24, wherein
the information comprises a service history resulting from execution of the service.

27. (Currently amended) A computer program for selecting a web service
comprising:

a computer-readable memory; and
logic, stored on the memory for execution on a processor, for:

transmitting a search request for a service from a service requestor
to a management site that searches for software services
provided via a network;
obtaining by the search requestor a service search result from the
management site including information for determining the
quality of services ~~from a~~ corresponding to a plurality of
~~provider site~~ sites, wherein the quality of service
information is provided by the plurality of provider sites
and accumulated by the management site;
selecting by the service requestor at least one software service
based on the obtained search result; and
transmitting a request to execute the selected service to the service
provider.

28. (Previously presented) The computer program of claim 27, wherein
the service provider and the management site are different sites.

29. (Previously presented) The computer program of claim 27, wherein
the information includes a number of times the software services have been used, a
frequency of use corresponding to the software services; an execution time corresponding
to the software services and a maintenance time corresponding to the software services.

30. (Previously presented) The computer program of claim 27, wherein the information includes a service history resulting from execution of the service.